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The Honorable Phil Gramm
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Gramm:

Recently I wrote you about my research interest regarding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Subsequent to that letter, I received a response to a *Freedom of Information* request I had made to the FBI.

I have inclosed copies of pertinent documents regarding this request, as well as a copy of the response provided by the FBI. I do not have the ability to reproduce my microfilm copy of the document in question. However, it consists of 35 numbered pages is less redacted than the version provided by the FBI. My obvious interest is in the material originally redacted and not in further redaction of material already in the public domain.

My purpose in providing you this material is to not solicit your assistance with respect to this issue but to advance the point that the FBI continues to withhold information relevant to legitimate research regarding the assassination of President Kennedy, and does so in a most pernicious and promiscuous fashion. While other federal agencies may not be as bold as the FBI, they are no more forthcoming in response to legitimate requests for information.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Respectfully,

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